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SUBJ: SECURITY ON THE WEST BANK IN MARCH

1. MORE THAN 300 WEST BANK PALESTINIANS WERE ARRESTED FOR SECURITY OFFENCES DURING MARCH, ACCORDING TO OUR IN-HOUSE SURVEY OF MEDIA SOURCES. ABOUT 200 WERE REPORTEDLY DETAINED IN FEBRUARY. THE INCREASE CAN BE LARGELY ATTRIBUTED TO WIDESPREAD DEMONSTRATIONS PROTESTING THE ISRAELI INCURSION INTO LEBANON. MILITARY COURTS SENTENCED MANY DEMONSTRATORS TO MAXIMUM FINES OF IL 10,000.

2. IDF SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED MARCH 27 THAT 45 PALESTINIANS COMPRISING SEVEN RESISTANCE CELLS HAD BEEN ARRESTED. LARGEST GROUP OF 16 AFFILIATED WITH PFLP, BASED IN RAMALLAH. AND TRAINED IN IRAQ AND LEBANON. THEY WERE ARRESTED BEFORE CARRYING OUT ANY OPERATIONS. OTHER CELLS, INCLUDING TWO FROM BETHLEHEM, MOSTLY AFFILIATED WITH FATAH. ONE OF THE BETHLEHEM CELLS PLANNED

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ASSASSINATION OF LOCAL ALLEGED COLLABORATOR, ACCORDING TO MILITARY SPOKESMAN.

3. THERE WERE NINE REPORTED BOMBING INCIDENTS LAST MONTH MOST OF THEM IN JERUSALEM. THE ONLY FATALITY WAS A YOUNG BOY NEAR HEBRON. SECURITY FORCES ALSO CREDIT SABOTEURS WITH BURNING THREE VEHICLES IN SEPARATE INCIDENTS IN THE JERUSALEM HOUSING

DEVELOPMENTS OF RAMAT ESHKOL AND FRENCH HILL.
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